

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to request assistance for facilities to support students with special needs at my local primary school.

Mordialloc Beach Primary School in Barkly St, Mordialloc VIC requires a lift so students who can't use stairs can access the senior-level classrooms in the school's main building.

I've been advised the Victorian Department of Education believes the cost of such works are prohibitive.

I understand a program like the Local Schools Community Fund in the 2019/20 Budget may be able to assist with this project. I would respectfully ask a similar project be included in the 2020/2021 Budget and that this project could be considered.

There is currently a student enrolled in Grade 2 who uses a wheelchair and would be unable to access the upstairs rooms once he reaches his senior years. I believe a lift would not only help this student, but will also be necessary for future students with similar needs.

Thank you for your time and I look forward hearing what solutions you may be able to offer.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Priestley

PS. I should disclose that:

1. My daughter attends the school. She does not require the lift herself
2. I am on the school council, but am contacting you as a private citizen. Due to Covid I have been unable to speak with the council for their imprimatur on this matter before deadline.